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CHAPTER II

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Subclass:

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER
TO THE UNITED STATES ELECTED OFFICE (EO/US)
(ENTRY INTO U.S. NATIONAL PHASE UNDER CHAPTER II)

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/SE00/01843	September 22, 2000	September 23, 1999
TITLE OF INVENTION		
METHOD, SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR REMOTE MEASURING OF ELECTRICAL POWER		
APPLICANT(S)		
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ATTENTION: EO/US

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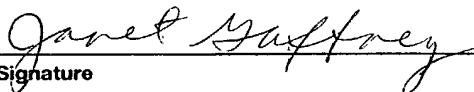
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NOTE: To avoid abandonment of the application, the applicant shall furnish to the USPTO, not later than 20 months from the priority date: (1) a copy of the international application, unless it has been previously communicated by the International Bureau or unless it was originally filed in the USPTO; and (2) the basic national fee (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)). The 30-month time limit may not be extended. 37 C.F.R. § 1.495.

WARNING: Where the items are those which can be submitted to complete the entry of the international application into the national phase are subsequent to 30 months from the priority date the application is still considered to be in the international state and if mailing procedures are utilized to obtain a date the express mail procedure of 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 must be used (since international application papers are not covered by an ordinary certificate of mailing—See 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

NOTE: Documents and fees must be clearly identified as a submission to enter the national state under 35 U.S.C. § 371 otherwise the submission will be considered as being made under 35 U.S.C. § 111. 37 C.F.R. § 1.494(f).

I. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. § 371:

- a. ☒ This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)).
- b. ☒ The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.492) as indicated below:

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2. Fees

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *	TOTAL CLAIMS	17 -20=	0	× \$18.00=	\$ -0-
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 -3=	0	× \$84.00=	-0-
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$280.00				
BASIC FEE**	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. PTO WAS INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AUTHORITY Where an international preliminary examination fee as set forth in § 1.482 has been paid on the international application to the U.S. PTO: <input type="checkbox"/> and the international preliminary examination report states that the criteria of novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness) and industrial activity, as defined in PCT Article 33(1) to (4) have been satisfied for all the claims presented in the application entering the national stage (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(4)) \$100.00 <input type="checkbox"/> and the above requirements are not met (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(1)) \$710.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. PTO WAS NOT INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AUTHORITY Where no international preliminary examination fee as set forth in § 1.482 has been paid to the U.S. PTO, and payment of an international search fee as set forth in § 1.445(a)(2) to the U.S. PTO: <input type="checkbox"/> has been paid (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(2)) \$740.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has not been paid (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(3)) \$1040.00 <input type="checkbox"/> where a search report on the international application has been prepared by the European Patent Office or the Japanese Patent Office (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(5)) \$890.00				
	Total of above Calculations				= \$1,040.00
SMALL ENTITY	Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Assertion must be made. (note 37 C.F.R. § 1.27)				- 520.00
	Subtotal				520.00
	Total National Fee				\$ 520.00
	Fee for recording the enclosed assignment document \$40.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)). (See Item 13 below). See attached "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".				n/a
TOTAL	Total Fees enclosed				\$ 520.00

*See attached Preliminary Amendment Reducing the Number of Claims.

- ☒ Attached is a ☒ check ☐ money order in the amount of \$ 520.00
- ☐ Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$ _____
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- ☐ Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above.

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WARNING: If the translation of the international application and/or the oath or declaration have not been submitted by the applicant within thirty (30) months from the priority date, such requirements may be met within a time period set by the Office. 37 C.F.R. § 1.495(b)(2). The payment of the surcharge set forth in § 1.492(e) is required as a condition for accepting the oath or declaration later than thirty (30) months after the priority date. The payment of the processing fee set forth in § 1.492(f) is required for acceptance of an English translation later than thirty (30) months after the priority date. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in abandonment of the application. The provisions of § 1.136 apply to the period which is set. Notice of Jan. 3, 1993, 1147 O.G. 29 to 40.

☒ **Assertion of Small Entity Status**

☒ **Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.**

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c) deals with the assertion of small entity status, whether by a written specific declaration thereof or by payment as a small entity of the basic filing fee or the fee for the entry into the national phase as states:

"(c) Assertion of small entity status. Any party (person, small business concern or nonprofit organization) should make a determination, pursuant to paragraph (f) of this section, of entitlement to be accorded small entity status based on the definitions set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, and must, in order to establish small entity status for the purpose of paying small entity fees, actually make an assertion of entitlement to small entity status, in the manner set forth in paragraphs (c)(1) or (c)(3) of this section, in the application or patent in which such small entity fees are to be paid.

(1) Assertion by writing. Small entity status may be established by a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status. A written assertion must:

- (i) Be clearly identifiable;
- (ii) Be signed (see paragraph (c)(2) of this section); and
- (iii) Convey the concept of entitlement to small entity status, such as by stating that applicant is a small entity, or that small entity status is entitled to be asserted for the application or patent. While no specific words or wording are required to assert small entity status, the intent to assert small entity status must be clearly indicated in order to comply with the assertion requirement.

(2) Parties who can sign and file the written assertion. The written assertion can be signed by:

- (i) One of the parties identified in §§ 1.33(b) (e.g., an attorney or agent registered with the Office), §§ 3.73(b) of this chapter notwithstanding, who can also file the written assertion;
- (ii) At least one of the individuals identified as an inventor (even though a §§ 1.63 executed oath or declaration has not been submitted), notwithstanding §§ 1.33(b)(4), who can also file the written assertion pursuant to the exception under §§ 1.33(b) of this part; or
- (iii) An assignee of an undivided part interest, notwithstanding §§ 1.33(b)(3) and 3.73(b) of this chapter, but the partial assignee cannot file the assertion without resort to a party identified under §§ 1.33(b) of this part.

(3) Assertion by payment of the small entity basic filing or basic national fee. The payment, by any party, of the exact amount of one of the small entity basic filing fees set forth in §§ 1.16(a), (f), (g), (h), or (k), or one of the small entity basic national fees set forth in §§ 1.492(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), or (a)(5), will be treated as a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status even if the type of basic filing or basic national fee is inadvertently selected in error.

(i) If the Office accords small entity status based on payment of a small entity basic filing or basic national fee under paragraph (c)(3) of this section that is not applicable to that application, any balance of the small entity fee that is applicable to that application will be due along with the appropriate surcharge set forth in §§ 1.16(e), or §§ 1.16(f).

(ii) The payment of any small entity fee other than those set forth in paragraph (c)(3) of this section (whether in the exact fee amount or not) will not be treated as a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and will not be sufficient to establish small entity status in an application or a patent."

3. ☒ A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)):

NOTE: Section 1.495 (b) was amended to require that the basic national fee and a copy of the international application must be filed with the Office by 30 months from the priority date to avoid abandonment. "The International Bureau normally provides the copy of the international application to the Office in accordance with PCT Article 20. At the same time, the International Bureau notifies applicant of the communication to the Office. In accordance with PCT Rule 47.1, that notice shall be accepted by all designated offices as conclusive evidence that the communication has duly taken place. Thus, if the applicant desires to enter the national stage, the applicant normally need only check to be sure the notice from the International Bureau has been received and then pay the basic national fee by 30 months from the priority date." Notice of Jan. 7, 1993, 1147 O.G. 29 to 40, at 35-36. See item 14c below.

- a. ☐ is transmitted herewith.
- b. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.
- c. ☒ has been transmitted
 - i. ☒ by the International Bureau.
 Date of mailing of the application (from form PCT/1B/308):
March 29, 2001
 - ii. ☐ by applicant on _____. (Date)

4. ☒ A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)):

- a. ☐ is transmitted herewith.
- b. ☒ is not required as the application was filed in English.
- c. ☐ was previously transmitted by applicant on _____. (Date)
- d. ☐ will follow.

5. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)):

NOTE: The Notice of January 7, 1993 points out that 37 C.F.R. § 1.495(a) was amended to clarify the existing and continuing practice that PCT Article 19 amendments must be submitted by 30 months from the priority date and this deadline may not be extended. The Notice further advises that: "The failure to do so will not result in loss of the subject matter of the PCT Article 19 amendments. Applicant may submit that subject matter in a preliminary amendment filed under section 1.121. In many cases, filing an amendment under section 1.121 is preferable since grammatical or idiomatic errors may be corrected." 1147 O.G. 29-40, at 36.

- a. ☐ are transmitted herewith.
- b. ☐ have been transmitted
 - i. ☐ by the International Bureau.
Date of mailing of the amendment (from form PCT/1B/308):

 - ii. ☐ by applicant on _____. (Date)
- c. ☒ have not been transmitted as
 - i. ☒ applicant chose not to make amendments under PCT Article 19.
Date of mailing of Search Report (from form PCT/ISA/210.):

 - ii. ☐ the time limit for the submission of amendments has not yet expired. The amendments or a statement that amendments have not been made will be transmitted before the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1.

6. ☒ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)):
- a. ☐ is transmitted herewith.
 - b. ☐ is not required as the amendments were made in the English language.
 - c. ☒ has not been transmitted for reasons indicated at point 5(c) above.
7. ☒ A copy of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409)
- ☒ is transmitted herewith.
 - ☐ is not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.
8. ☒ Annex(es) to the international preliminary examination report
- a. ☒ is/are transmitted herewith.
 - b. ☐ is/are not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.
9. ☒ A translation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report
- a. ☐ is transmitted herewith.
 - b. ☒ is not required as the annexes are in the English language.

10. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. § 115
- a. ☐ was previously submitted by applicant on _____. (Date)
 - b. ☐ is submitted herewith, and such oath or declaration
 - i. ☐ is attached to the application.
 - ii. ☐ identifies the application and any amendments under PCT Article 19 that were transmitted as stated in points 3(b) or 3(c) and 5(b); and states that they were reviewed by the inventor as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.70.
 - c. ☒ will follow.

II. Other document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a):
- a. ☐ is transmitted herewith.
 - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
Date of mailing (from form PCT/IB/308): March 29, 2001
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was searched by the United States International Searching Authority.
 - d. ☐ will be transmitted promptly upon request.
 - e. ☐ has been submitted by applicant on _____. (Date)
12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:
- a. ☒ is transmitted herewith.

Also transmitted herewith is/are:

- ☒ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B).
 - ☒ Copies of citations listed.
 - b. ☐ will be transmitted within THREE MONTHS of the date of submission of requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371(c).
 - c. ☐ was previously submitted by applicant on _____. (Date)
13. ☐ An assignment document is transmitted herewith for recording.
- A separate ☐ "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" or ☐ FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.

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14. ☒ Additional documents:
- a. ☐ Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)
 - b. ☒ International Publication No. WO 01/22102 A1
 - i. ☒ Specification, claims and drawing
 - ii. ☐ Front page only
 - c. ☒ Preliminary amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)
 - d. ☒ Other
Submission of Proposed Drawing Amendment w/2 drawing
sheets
15. ☒ The above checked items are being transmitted
- a. ☒ before 30 months from any claimed priority date.
 - b. ☐ after 30 months.
16. ☐ Certain requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371 were previously submitted by the applicant on _____, namely:
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

WARNING: Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependant claims, to avoid unexpected high charges if extra claims are authorized.

NOTE: "A written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all required fees, fees under § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in § 1.17(a) will also be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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- ☒ Please charge, ~~in the manner authorized above~~, the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application:

- ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(1), (2), (3), and (4) (filing fees)

WARNING: Because failure to pay the national fee within 30 months without extension (37 C.F.R. § 1.495(b)(2)) results in abandonment of the application, it would be best to always check the above box.

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☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possible when dealing with amendments after final action.

☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)

☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a).

☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b))

NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b).

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying . . . issue fee." From the wording of 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.

☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e) and (f) (surcharge fees for filing the declaration and/or filing an English translation of an International Application later than 30 months after the priority date).

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In re application of: Asplund
 Application No.: 0 / Group No.:
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SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED DRAWING AMENDMENT
 FOR APPROVAL BY EXAMINER (37 C.F.R. 1.123)

Attached please find

(check applicable items)

- ☐ a sketch in permanent ink,
☒ a copy of the original drawing(s) with red ink markings,

showing the proposed changes to the drawing(s) in this application, for which the approval of the Examiner is requested.



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NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)(3)(ii) indicates that "Where a change to the drawings is desired, a sketch in permanent ink showing proposed changes in red, to become part of the record, must be filed for approval by the examiner and should be in a separate paper."

NOTE: While drawings submitted under §§ 1.81, 1.83-1.85, 1.152, 1.165, 1.174, and 1.437 may not be filed by facsimile, proposed drawing corrections for approval may be submitted by facsimile transmission. Notice of Oct. 15, 1993, 58 Fed. Reg. 54,494-54,504, at 54,495.

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(Submission of Proposed Drawing Amendment for Approval by Examiner (37 C.F.R. 1.123) [9-16]—page 1 of 1)

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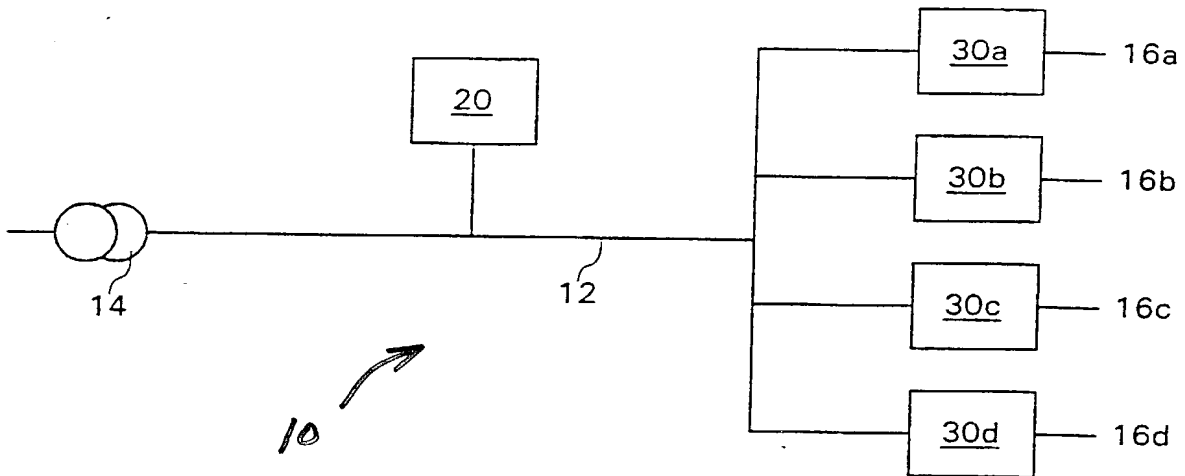


Fig. 1

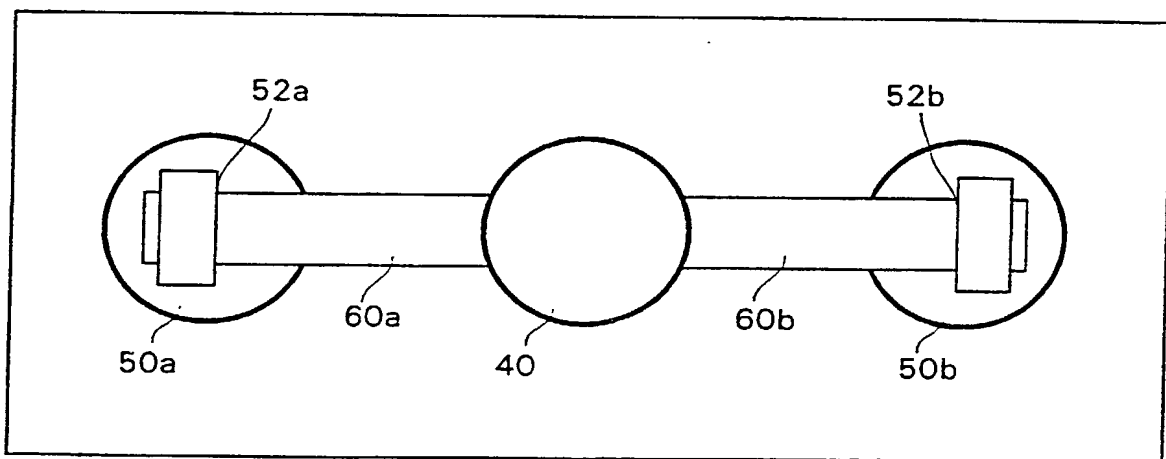


Fig. 2

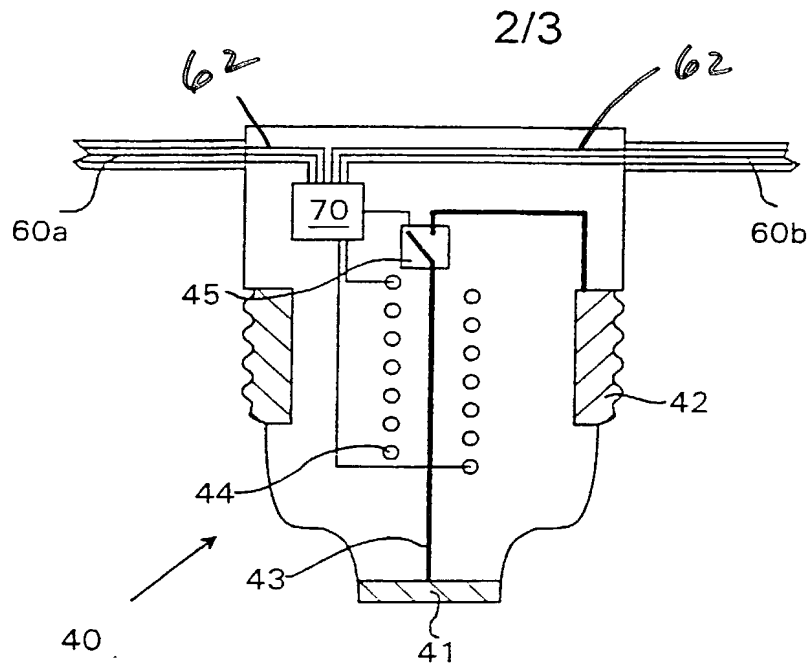


Fig. 3a

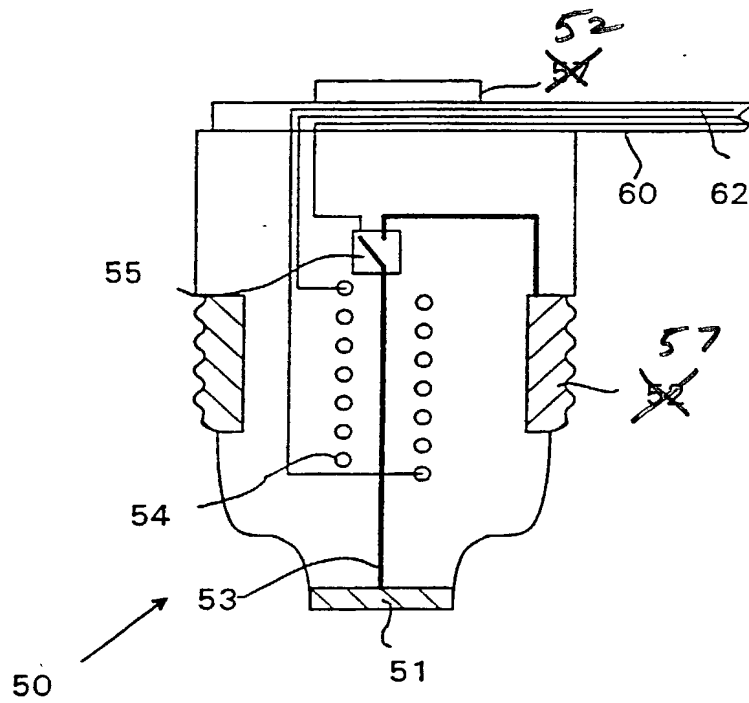


Fig. 3b

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In re application of: Johan Asplund

For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR REMOTE MEASURING
OF ELECTRICAL POWER

the specification of which is attached hereto.

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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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(Amendment Accompanying New Application Transmittal [4-4])

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In the matter of: Johan Asplund
Serial No.: To be assigned
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For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR REMOTE
MEASURING OF ELECTRICAL POWER

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION

Sir:

Please amend the accompanying application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- BACKGROUND

In the field of electrical power measurement, many kinds of electrical power meters are known. However, prior art apparatus have been dimensioned with regard to electromechanical measuring devices. This has led to bulky devices, which are difficult to install. --

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Replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention is based on the realization that the electromagnetic field around an electric conductor can be used to measure the power flowing through the conductor by means of sensors without any movable parts and to drive an electronic circuit. This is used together with digital communication through the electric conductor to provide for remote measuring and control of the electrical power consumed by a consumer connected to an electric power network. --

On page 3, delete the second, third and fourth paragraphs (lines 11-17).

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Figs. 3a and 3b are cross-sectional views of a master and a slave module, respectively, to be incorporated in electrical power meter shown in figure 2, and --.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- At each consumer there is provided a respective electrical power meter 30a-d, an overview of which will now be given with reference to figure 2. The three-phase meter is made up of three parts shaped and configured as conventional fuses or circuit breakers. The three parts comprise two identical slave modules 50a, 50b connected to a master module 40. The three modules are arranged to be mounted as conventional plug fuses in a fuse box with the master module 40 arranged in the center position and the slave modules 50a, 50b arranged on either side thereof. The slave modules are connected to the master module by means of a respective strip 60a, 60b made of polyester or another fragile or brittle material. The reason for this choice of material is that it should be difficult to remove the strip once it is installed, thereby preventing fraudulent manipulation of the arrangement. --

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The strip 60 is permanently attached to the master module 40 and electrically connected thereto by means of a pattern (not shown) of three rather wide printed copper paths 62 running in parallel between the master module 40 and the slave module 50 when connected thereto. The procedure of connecting the slave modules to the master module follows the following steps. First, the master module 40 and the slave modules 50a, 50b are screwed

into a respective socket with the master module 40 positioned between the slave modules 50a, 50b. Special care must be taken to ensure that the strips 60a, 60b are not damaged during this process. The strips 60a, 60b are then inserted into a respective slot 52a, 52b arranged in the slave modules. Once inserted into the slots 52, the strips 60 cannot be withdrawn from the slave modules because of a one-way retaining means provided in the slot. --

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- With the strips 60 attached, it is not possible to unscrew the modules 40, 50 because the strips 60 would then break, destroying the arrangement by breaking the electrical connection between the master module and the slave modules. --

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The structure of the master module 40 will now be described with reference to figure 3a, which shows a cross-section through the center of the master module. The module has a general outline similar to a conventional fuse, with a bottom connector 41 adapted for connection to the bottom surface of the fuse socket (not shown) and thus functioning as a

first connector of the module. The bottom connector 41 is electrically connected to a thread 42 by means of a conductive wire 43. The thread is shaped so as to fit with the internal thread (not shown) provided in the fuse socket and thus functions as a second connector of the module. A major portion of the conductive wire 43 runs essentially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the fuse 40. --

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 28 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- All components included in the modules 40 and 50 are preferably embedded in a mold made of a suitable polymer. --

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In figure 3b, a slave module 50 is shown in cross-section. The slave module is similar to the master module with the exception of the electronic circuitry 70, which is omitted in the slave modules. Thus, a slave module comprises a first connector 51, a second connector 57, a conductive wire 53 there between, a coil 54 and a trip circuit 55. The coil 54 and the trip circuit 55 are connected to a contact means 56 arranged to connect to the conductive paths 62 of a strip 60 inserted into the above mentioned slot 52 of the slave module 50. In that way,

both the coil 54 and the trip circuit 55 of a slave module are connected to the electronic circuitry 70 of the master module 40. --

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The electronic circuitry 70 of the master module 40 will now be described, partly with reference to figure 4, which is a schematic block diagram of the electronic function of the master-slave arrangement shown in figure 2. The main part of the circuitry 70 is a processor 72. This is preferably a low voltage version of the type 8751 processor, operating at 2.7 Volts or lower, and provided with an internal EEPROM. The low power consumption of this device, less than 150 mamps, makes this circuit ideal for this kind of application. --

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 29 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Filters 78 functioning as stabilizers are also provided between the coil 44 and processor 72. --

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- It is also possible to calibrate the master module 40 by means of a predetermined FSK pattern superposed on the normal current of the wires 12. As an example, a signal comprising solely "1":s is transmitted from the server 20. This signal represents a certain current level, which is then detected and interpreted by the master module 40. By means of this detected current shift, the module 40 can then be self-calibrated. Thus, a signal having a predetermined level is input and the output level is determined. The module then calibrates until the output level is equal to the input level. With the described system, billing of the customers is effected in the following way. The server 20 collects and compiles the odometer readings from the meters 30. A software application then connects a number of measurements from a certain device to a predefined tariff and adds information of the account customer 16. This gives the full information to create a record and, hence, a bill to be sent to the customer in any convenient way, such as through the Internet or by ordinary mail. --

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- A preferred embodiment of the invention has been described. However, the person skilled in the art realizes that this can be varied within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the inventive idea. Thus, an electrical

three-phase system has been shown. It is realized that the invention is applicable to single phase systems as well, in which case the slave modules are omitted. --

In the claims:

On page 15, line 1, change "CLAIMS" to -- What is claimed is: --.

Cancel all existing claims and add the following new claims:

17. (New) A method of measuring electrical power conducted through at least one electrical conductor, comprising the following steps:

- sensing an electromagnetic field around said at least one electrical conductor at a measuring position,
- deriving current flowing through said at least one electrical conductor from said sensed electromagnetic field,
- storing instantaneous values for said current in an electronic memory means powered by said electromagnetic field, and

- transmitting digital information on said at least one electrical conductor to a transceiver provided at a distance from said measuring position, said digital information being representative of said instantaneous values.

18. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein said transmitting is effected by means of frequency shift keying.

19. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein said sensing is effected by means of an electrically conductive coil arranged around said at least one electrical conductor.

20. (New) An electrical power meter connectable to at least one electrical conductor, said power meter comprising:

- means for sensing an electromagnetic field around said at least one electrical conductor,
- means for deriving current flowing through said at least one electrical conductor from said sensed electromagnetic field,
- means for storing instantaneous values for said current, wherein said means for storing are powered by said electromagnetic field, and

- means for transmitting digital information on said at least one electrical conductor to a transceiver provided at a distance from said measuring position, said digital information being representative of said instantaneous values.

21. (New) A meter according to claim 20, comprising:

- at least one first connector connectable to said at least one electrical conductor,
- at least one second connector connectable to an electric load, and
- a switch arranged to interconnect said at least one first and second connectors in normal operation and, when commanded, to disconnect said at least one first connector from said at least one second connector.

22. (New) A meter according to claim 21, wherein said switch means is commanded by a processor.

23. (New) A meter according to claim 22, wherein said processor is commanded by said transceiver via said at least one electrical conductor.

24. (New) A meter according to claim 20, comprising at least one module arranged to be installed as a fuse.

25. (New) A meter according to claim 20, wherein said meter is arranged for measuring three-phase power, comprising:

- a first module including:
 - a first connector connectable to said at least one electrical conductor, and
 - a second connector connectable to an electric load and to said first connector, and
- two second modules, each of said second modules including:
 - a first connector connectable to said at least one electrical conductor, and
 - a second connector connectable to an electric load and to said first connector,
- wherein each of said second modules is electrically connectable to said first module by interconnecting means arranged to be permanently attached to said first and second modules.

26. (New) A meter according to claim 25, wherein said interconnecting means comprises a strip made of fragile material, said strip having a layer of electrically conducting paths thereon.

27. (New) A meter according to claim 26, wherein said fragile material is polyester.

28. (New) A meter according to claim 25, wherein said interconnecting means are inserted into slots when permanently attached.

29. (New) A meter according to claim 20, wherein said means for transmitting digital information comprises:

- a processor, and
- a coil arranged around said at least one electrical conductor, the ends of said coil being connected to said processor,
- wherein an electric current commanded by said processor is induced in said coil, resulting in a corresponding induced current in said electrical conductor, by which induced current digital information is transferred via said electrical conductor.

30. (New) A meter according to claim 29, wherein the number of turns of said coil is about 500.

31. (New) A meter according to claim 20, wherein said digital information is transmitted by means of frequency shift keying.

32. (New) A meter according to claim 20, wherein the current flowing through said at least one electrical conductor is measured at a rate of 1000 samples per second.

33. (New) A system for measuring electrical power, comprising:

- (a) an electrical power network,
- (b) a computer connected to said power network, and
- (c) an electrical power meter connected to said electrical power network, said electrical power network comprising:

- means for sensing an electromagnetic field around said at least one electrical conductor,

- means for deriving current flowing through said at least one electrical conductor from said sensed electromagnetic field,
- means for storing instantaneous values for said current, wherein said means for storing are powered by said electromagnetic field, and
- means for transmitting digital information on said at least one electrical conductor to a transceiver provided at a distance from said measuring position, said digital information being representative of said instantaneous values.

Abstract:

Delete any existing abstract and insert the following after the claims:

-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a method, system and apparatus of measuring electrical power to consumers (16a-d) in a power distribution network (12), an electromagnetic field is sensed around at least one electrical conductor (12) in a power meter (30a-d) located at a consumer. The current flowing through the conductor is then derived from

the sensed electromagnetic field. Instantaneous current values are stored in an electronic memory powered by the electromagnetic field. These instantaneous values or values derived from the instantaneous values are transmitted as digital information on the network to a receiver (20) provided at a distance from the power meter. --

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment makes changes to the specification, claims and abstract of the above-referenced patent application to place the application in better form for examination.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIn the Specification:

On page 1, the paragraph beginning at line 11 has been changed as follows:

-- BACKGROUND

[It is] In the field of electrical power measurement, many kinds of electrical power meters are known. However, prior art [apparatuses] apparatus have been dimensioned with regard to electromechanical measuring devices. This has [lead] led to bulky devices, which are difficult to install. --

On page 3, in line 2, the spelling of "realization" has been corrected.

On page 3, the second, third and fourth paragraphs have been deleted (lines 11-17).

On page 3, in line 19, the spelling of "organization" has been corrected.

On page 4, the paragraph beginning at line 8 has been changed as follows:

-- Figs. 3a and 3b are cross-sectional views of a master and a slave module, respectively, to be incorporated in electrical power meter shown in figure 2, and --.

On page 5, the paragraph beginning at line 5 has been changed as follows:

-- At each consumer there is provided a respective electrical power meter 30a-d, an overview of which will now be given with reference to figure 2. The three-phase meter is made up of three parts shaped and configured as conventional fuses or circuit breakers. The three parts comprise two identical slave modules 50a, 50b connected to a master module 40. The [tree] three modules are arranged to be mounted as conventional plug fuses in a fuse box with the master module 40 arranged in the [centre] center position and the slave modules 50a, 50b arranged on either side thereof. The slave modules are connected to the master module by means of a respective strip 60a, 60b made of polyester or another fragile or brittle material. The reason for this choice of material is that it should be difficult to remove the strip once it is installed, thereby preventing fraudulent manipulation of the arrangement. --

On page 5, the paragraph beginning at line 22 has been changed as follows:

-- The strip 60 is permanently attached to the master module 40 and electrically connected thereto by means of a pattern (not shown) of three rather wide printed copper paths 62[a-c] running in parallel between the master module 40 and the slave module 50 when connected thereto. The procedure of connecting the slave modules to the master module follows the following steps. First, the master module 40 and the slave modules 50a, 50b are screwed into a respective socket with the master module 40 positioned between the slave modules 50a, 50b. Special care must be taken to ensure that the strips 60a, 60b are not damaged during this process. The strips 60a, 60b are then inserted into a respective slot 52a, 52b arranged in the slave modules. Once inserted into the slots 52, the strips 60 [can] [not] cannot be withdrawn from the slave modules because of a one-way retaining means provided in the slot. --

On page 6, the paragraph beginning at line 7 has been changed as follows:

-- With the strips 60 attached, it is not possible to unscrew the modules 40, 50 because the [stripes] strips 60 would then break, destroying the arrangement by breaking the electrical connection between the master module and the slave modules. --

On page 6, line 17, the spelling of "center" has been corrected.

On page 7, line 29, the spelling of "mold" has been corrected.

On page 8, the paragraph beginning at line 1 has been changed as follows:

-- In figure 3b, a slave module 50 is shown in cross-section. The slave module is similar to the master module with the exception of the electronic circuitry 70, which is omitted in the slave modules. Thus, a slave module comprises a first connector 51, a second connector [52] 57, a conductive wire 53 there between, a coil 54 and a trip circuit 55. The coil 54 and the trip circuit 55 are connected to a contact means 56 arranged to connect to the conductive paths 62 of a strip 60 inserted into the above mentioned slot [57] 52 of the slave module 50. In that way, both the coil 54 and the trip circuit 55 of a slave module are connected to the electronic circuitry 70 of the master module 40. --

On page 8, the paragraph beginning at line 14 has been changed as follows:

-- The electronic circuitry 70 of the master module 40 will now be described, partly with reference to figure 4, which is a schematic block diagram of the electronic function of the master-slave arrangement shown in figure 2. The main part of the circuitry 70 is a processor 72. This is preferably a low voltage

version of the type 8751 processor, operating at [2,7] 2.7 Volts or lower, and provided with an internal EEPROM. The low power consumption of this device, less than 150 mamps, makes this circuit ideal for this kind of application. --

On page 8, in line 29, the spelling of "stabilizers" has been corrected.

On page 11, the paragraph beginning at line 26 has been changed as follows:

-- It is also possible to calibrate the master module 40 by means of a predetermined FSK pattern superposed on the normal current of the wires 12. As an example, a signal comprising solely "1":s is transmitted from the server 20. This signal represents a certain current level, which is then detected and interpreted by the master module 40. By means of this detected current shift, the module 40 can then be self-calibrated. Thus, a signal having a predetermined level is input and the output level is determined. The module then calibrates until the output level is equal to the input level. With the described system, billing of the customers is effected in the following way. The server 20 collects and compiles the odometer readings from the meters 30. A software application then connects a number of measurements from a certain [devices] device to a predefined tariff and adds information of the account customer 16. This

gives the full information to create a record and, hence, a bill to be sent to the customer in any convenient way, such [a] as through the Internet or by ordinary mail. --

On page 13, in line 5, the spelling of "realizes" has been corrected; and in line 8, the spelling of "realized" has been corrected.

In the Claims:

On page 15, line 1 "CLAIMS" has been changed to -- What is claimed is: --.

Claims 1-16 have been cancelled.

New claims 17-33 have been added.

Abstract:

The abstract has been changed as follows:

-- [Abstract:] ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[A] In a method, system and apparatus of measuring electrical power to consumers (16a-d) in a power distribution network (12) [is described. The method comprises sensing an], an electromagnetic field is sensed around at least one electrical conductor (12) in a power meter (30a-d) located at a consumer.

The current flowing through the conductor is then derived from [said] the sensed electromagnetic field. Instantaneous current values are stored in an electronic memory powered by [said] the electromagnetic field. These instantaneous values or values derived from the instantaneous values are transmitted as digital information on the network to a receiver (20) provided at a distance from the power meter. --

Method, system and apparatus for remote measuring of electrical power.

FIELD OF INVENTION

5 The present invention relates generally to a method, a system and an apparatus for measurement of electrical power and more specifically to a method, a system and an apparatus wherein electrical power meters connected to an electrical distribution network are remotely controlled by a remote server.

BACKGROUND

It is field of electrical power measurement many kinds of electrical power meters are known. However, prior art apparatuses have been dimensioned with regard to electromechanical measuring devices. This has lead to bulky devices, which are difficult to install.

The UK patent document GB-2 321 305 discloses a remote meter reading apparatus provided for retrofitting to an existing meter. This reading apparatus relies on an already installed meter having a Ferraris disc. The apparatus is provided with a wireless transmitter for transmitting data derived from a sensor to a remote location. However, this solution provides for a bulky device limited to its application in existing networks.

25 An electronic meter for measuring electrical power fed from an electrical power distribution network to an electrical power consumer itself requires electrical power in order to function. A convenient way of providing this power is to furnish the electronic meter with means for drawing electrical power from the power network used to supply the consumer. However, the current

which an electronic meter is permitted to draw from an electrical power distribution network is limited by statutory regulation.

5 The UK patent document GB-2 301 903 discloses an electrical power supply meter provided with an opto-transmitter arranged for communicating data appertaining to a meter reading and at the same time not to disturb the power network connected to the meter.

10 Trip units for tripping an electronic circuit are known for example through the European patent document EP 0 949 734 A2. In the device disclosed therein processors are arranged to trip an electric circuit on detection of a fault condition. However, there are other instances where tripping of an electric circuit is
15 desired.

OBJECTS OF THE INVENTION

An object of the present invention is to provide an electrical power consumption measuring system wherein electrical power meters are remotely read and controlled in an efficient way.
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Another object is to provide an electrical power meter, which is inexpensive, easy to install and is adapted for communication through the electrical power network to which it is connected.

25 Another object is to provide a method of remotely controlling an electrical power meter.

The invention is based on the realisation that the electromagnetic field around an electric conductor can be used to measure the power flowing through the conductor by means of sensors without any movable parts and to drive an electronic circuit. This is used together with digital communication through the electric conductor to provide for remote measuring and control of the electrical power consumed by a consumer connected to an electric power network.

According to a second aspect there is provided an electrical power meter as defined in claim 4.

The invention provides a measuring system wherein the measuring device can be installed without skilled personnel, i.e., the subscriber caters for the installation.

Another advantage is the possibility to remotely disconnect a subscriber by means of a circuit breaker provided in the sensing apparatus.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

The invention is now described, by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is an overview of a measuring system according
5 to the invention,

Fig. 2 is a schematic overview of an electrical power meter used in the system shown in figure 1

Figs. 3a and 3b are cross-sectional views of a master and a slave module, respectively, incorporated in electrical power meter shown in figure 2, and

Fig. 4 is a schematic block diagram of the measuring apparatus shown in figure 2.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In the following, a detailed description of the invention will be given. Some of the elements described herein are identical to their shape and function and are then given the same reference numeral followed by an accompanying letter. When identical elements are referred to collectively the accompanying letter can be omitted.

Reference is first made to figure 1, wherein part of an electrical power network system, generally designated 10, is shown. The system shown in the figure comprises electrical three phase power lines 12 running between a connection point, such as a power station 14, and a number of electrical power consumers 16a-d.

Somewhere close to the connection point there is a host server 20 connected to the power lines 12. The host

server 20 is an ordinary computer provided with a power-net modem supporting TCP/IP. The server 20 is running administration software etc. and will be further described below.

5 At each consumer there is provided a respective electrical power meter 30a-d, an overview of which will now be given with reference to figure 2. The three-phase meter is made up of three parts shaped and configured as conventional fuses or circuit breakers. The three
10 parts comprise two identical slave modules 50a, 50b connected to a master module 40. The three modules are arranged to be mounted as conventional plug fuses in a fuse box with the master module 40 arranged in the centre position and the slave modules 50a, 50b arranged on
15 either side thereof. The slave modules are connected to the master module by means of a respective strip 60a, 60b made of polyester or another fragile or brittle material. The reason for this choice of material is that it should be difficult to remove the strip once it
20 is installed, thereby preventing fraudulent manipulation of the arrangement.

The strip 60 is permanently attached to the master module 40 and electrically connected thereto by means of a pattern (not shown) of three rather wide printed
25 copper paths 62a-c running in parallel between the master module 40 and the slave module 50 when connected thereto. The procedure of connecting the slave modules to the master module follows the following steps. First, the master module 40 and the slave modules 50a,
30 50b are screwed into a respective socket with the master module 40 positioned between the slave modules 50a, 50b. Special care must be taken to ensure that the

strips 60a, 60b are not damaged during this process. The strips 60a, 60b are then inserted into a respective slot 52a, 52b arranged in the slave modules. Once inserted into the slots 52, the strips 60 can not be
5 withdrawn from the slave modules because of a one-way retaining means provided in the slot.

With the strips 60 attached, it is not possible to unscrew the modules 40, 50 because the stripes 60 would then break, destroying the arrangement by breaking the
10 electrical connection between the master module and the slave modules.

When mounted in the fuse box, the modules 40, 50 function as ordinary fuses, normally of the 10 or 16 Amps size.

15 The structure of the master module 40 will now be described with reference to figure 3a, which shows a cross-section through the centre of the master module. The module has a general outline similar to a conventional fuse, with a bottom connector 41 adapted for
20 connection to the bottom surface of the fuse socket (not shown) and thus functioning as a first connector of the module. The bottom connector 41 is electrically connected to a thread 42 by means of a conductive wire 43. The thread is shaped so as to fit with the internal
25 thread (not shown) provided in the fuse socket and thus functions as a second connector of the module. A major portion of the conductive wire 43 runs essentially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the fuse 40.

With the module 40 mounted in the socket, the wire 43
30 forms a part of the wire 12 supplying the consumer 16

In figure 3b, a slave module 50 is shown in cross-section. The slave module is similar to the master module with the exception of the electronic circuitry 70, which is omitted in the slave modules. Thus, a
5 slave module comprises a first connector 51, a second connector 52, a conductive wire 53 there between, a coil 54 and a trip circuit 55. The coil 54 and the trip circuit 55 are connected to a contact means 56 arranged to connect to the conductive paths 62 of a strip 60 inserted into the above mentioned slot 57 of the slave
10 module 50. In that way, both the coil 54 and the trip circuit 55 of a slave module are connected to the electronic circuitry 70 of the master module 40.

The electronic circuitry 70 of the master module 40
15 will now be described, partly with reference to figure 4, which is a schematic block diagram of the electronic function of the master-slave arrangement shown in figure 2. The main part of the circuitry 70 is a processor 72. This is preferably a low voltage version of the
20 type 8751 processor, operating at 2,7 Volts or lower, and provided with an internal EEPROM. The low power consumption of this device, less than 150 μ Amps, makes this circuit ideal for this kind of application.

An oscillator 74 is provided as a reference clock for
25 the circuitry 70. A preferred frequency of the oscillator is 100 kHz.

There is also provided an internal reference 76. Preferred values for this reference is 1 Volt and 1 Ohm.

Filters 78 functioning as stabilisers are also provided
30 between the coil 44 and processor 72.

Finally, there is provided a capacitor 80 with a preferred value of 40 μ F. The function of this component will be described below.

The function of the measuring system will now be described. As already mentioned, the currents in the wires 12 leading to the consumers 16, see figure 1, are detected by means of the coils 44, 54a, 54b provided in the modules 40, 50a, and 50b, respectively. The measuring values are directed to inputs of the microprocessor 72. The actual currents flowing to the consumer 16 is there derived from the measured values by means of mathematical functions known to the person skilled in the art. Samples of measured values are taken with a frequency of 1000 Hz, i.e., 1000 samples are taken per second. The samples comprise both current and voltage values. This is necessary as the current and voltage in a power line are mutually displaced. Due to this, in order to get a correct power measurement, both current and voltage values are required.

Superposed on the basic electric power frequency in the lines 12, normally 50 or 60 Hz, is a Frequency Shift Keying (FSK) signal on a certain undefined frequency band. This FSK signal is used for communication via one of the power lines 12 between the server 20 and the different electrical power meters 30. In the preferred embodiment, this communication uses the TCP/IP protocol. This protocol is suitable for this kind of application, wherein it sometimes is necessary to retransmit a message several times before it is received successfully.

The master module 40 is also used for transmitting data
30 to the server 20. However, the energy received from the
power supply is not sufficient for superposing a FSK

signal on the lines 12. Therefore, the capacitor 80 is provided for storing the energy needed for transmitting the FSK signal. In the preferred embodiment, the capacitor has a value of about 40 μF , giving a voltage of
5 10 Volts for 400 μs . Thus, the microprocessor 72 buffers the message in a high voltage buffer and then transmits the signal.

An application implemented in the master module 40 is the remote trip function. In the case a particular consumer is to be excluded from the power network, e.g.
10 due to failing to pay an earlier invoice, the fuses of the electrical power meter 30 can be tripped from the server 20. This is carried out in the following way. A message is sent to the master module 40 belonging to
15 the electrical power meter 30 to be tripped, telling it to open the trip circuits 45. The electronic circuitry then issues a command to the trip circuits 45, 55a, 55b to open, thereby cutting the current path through the modules.

20 In case the connection between the master module 40 and at least one of the slave modules is broken, this is detected by the microprocessor 70 because there is no current flowing through the loop comprising the slave coils 54. In that case, a message is sent to the server
25 20, telling that the electrical power meter has failed.

It is also possible to calibrate the master module 40 by means of a predetermined FSK pattern superposed on the normal current of the wires 12. As an example, a signal comprising solely "1"s is transmitted from the
30 server 20. This signal represents a certain current level, which is then detected and interpreted by the

As the invoice contains all information about the customer and the content of the invoice to be paid, in an electronic format, it is very well suited to be sent directly to a billing service. The billing service lets the customer view the account and the bill over the Internet and also lets him/her select a convenient way to settle it.

The billing and payment service may let the customer get access to the status of the bill and the ways to pay it over the Internet, possibly by means of a so-called Set Top Box (STB). With a STB or other device provided with a smartcard interface, it is possible to view the reception and the status of the electricity consumption on the display of a SWATSCard®. This complete package will make the need for any mailings to the customer obsolete. It also gives the provider of

electrical power the possibility to have a diversified tariff, for example on a daily or hourly basis.

A preferred embodiment of the invention has been described. However, the person skilled in the art realises that this can be varied within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the inventive idea. Thus, an electrical three-phase system has been shown. It is realised that the invention is applicable to single phase systems as well, in which case the slave modules are omitted.

Furthermore, the connection between master and slave modules has been shown in the form of strips fixedly attached to the master module. However, any kind of connecting means is possible as long as it is impossible to remove it once attached. Thus, in an alternative embodiment, the strips 60 are separate parts, being inserted into a slot in both the master and the slave module to be interconnected. Alternatively, the strips 60 are fixedly attached to the slave modules instead.

Although frequency shift keying has been described as the preferred communication method, other communication methods are also possible, such as Phase Shift Keying (PSK).

The electrical power meter has been described as having no display. From a technical point of view, this is entirely feasible. However, in order to comply with regulations and also for the sake of convenience, the master module 40 may comprise a display means, such as a LCD, on which stored current values are displayed.

Although current has been described above as the measured quantity, also voltage is measured in order to calculate the electrical power.

5 The coils 44, 54 have been described as connected by their respective end portions to the circuitry 70. However, also a portion essentially at the middle of the coils can be connected to the circuitry 70. In that way, more signals are obtained for subsequent interpretation.

CLAIMS

1. A method of measuring electrical power conducted through at least one electrical conductor (12,43;53), comprising the following steps:

- sensing an electromagnetic field around said at least one electrical conductor (12,43;53) at a measuring position, and
- 10 - deriving the current flowing through said at least one electrical conductor from said sensed electromagnetic field,

characterised by

- 15 - storing instantaneous values for said current in an electronic memory means (73) powered by said electromagnetic field, and
- transmitting said instantaneous values or values derived from said instantaneous values as digital information on said at least one electrical conductor (12,43;53) to a transceiver (20) provided at a distance from said measuring position.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said transmitting is effected by means of Frequency Shift Keying.

25 3. A method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said sensing is effected by means of an electrically conductive coil arranged around said at least one electrical conductor (12,43;53).

4. An electrical power meter connectable to at least one electrical conductor (12), said power meter comprising:

- means (44,54) for sensing an electromagnetic field
5 around said at least one electrical conductor (12),
- means (72) for deriving the current flowing through
said at least one electrical conductor from said
sensed electromagnetic field,

characterised by

- 10 - means (72,73) for storing instantaneous values for
 said current, wherein said means for storing are
 powered by said electromagnetic field, and
- means (44, 72, 78, 80) for transmitting said instan-
 taneous values or values derived from said instantane-
15 ous values as digital information on said at least
 one electrical conductor to a transceiver (20) pro-
 vided at a distance from said measuring position.

5. A meter according to claim 4, comprising:

- at least one first connector (41;51) connectable to said at least one electrical conductor (12),
- at least one second connector (42;52) connectable to an electric load (16), and
- a switch (45;55) arranged to interconnect said at least one first and second connectors in normal operation and, when commanded, to disconnect said at least one first connector from said at least one second connector.

6. A meter according to claim 5, wherein said switch means is commanded by a processor (72).

7. A meter according to claim 6, wherein said processor (72) is commanded by said transceiver (20) via said at least one electrical conductor (12).

8. A meter according to any of claims 4-7, comprising at least one module (40,50) arranged to be installed as a fuse.

9. A meter according to any of claims 4-8, wherein said meter is arranged for measuring three-phase power, comprising:

- a first module (40) including:
 - a first connector (41) connectable to said at least one electrical conductor (12), and
 - 15 - a second connector (42) connectable to an electric load (16) and to said first connector (41), and
 - two second modules (50a,50b), each of said second modules including:
 - a first connector (51a;51b) connectable to said at least one electrical conductor (12), and
 - 20 - a second connector (52a;52b) connectable to an electric load (16) and to said first connector (51a;51b),
 - wherein each of said second modules (50a,50b) is
 - 25 electrically connectable to said first module (40) by means of an interconnecting means (60a;60b)

arranged to be permanently attached to said first and second modules.

10. A meter according to claim 9, wherein said interconnecting means comprises a strip (60a,60b) made of fragile material, preferably polyester, said strip having a layer of electrically conducting paths thereon.
11. A meter according to claim 9 or 10, wherein said interconnecting means (60a,60b) are inserted into slots (57a,57b) when permanently attached.
12. A meter according to any of claims 4-11, wherein said means for transmitting said instantaneous values or values derived from said instantaneous values comprises:
- 15 - a processor (72), and
 - a coil (44;54) arranged around said at least one electrical conductor (12,43;53), the ends of said coil being connected to said processor,
 - wherein an electric current commanded by said processor is induced in said coil, resulting in a corresponding induced current in said electrical conductor, by which induced current digital information is transferred via said electrical conductor.
13. A meter according to claim 12, wherein the number of turns of said coil (44;54) is about 500.
14. A meter according to any of claims 4-13, wherein said digital information is transmitted by means of frequency shift keying (FSK).

15. A meter according to any of claims 4-14, wherein the current flowing through said at least one electrical conductor is measured at a rate of 1000 samples per second.

5 16. A system for measuring electrical power, comprising:

- an electrical power network (12),
- a computer (20) connected to said power network,

characterised by

- 10 - an electrical power meter (30) according to any of claims 4-15 connected to said electrical power network.

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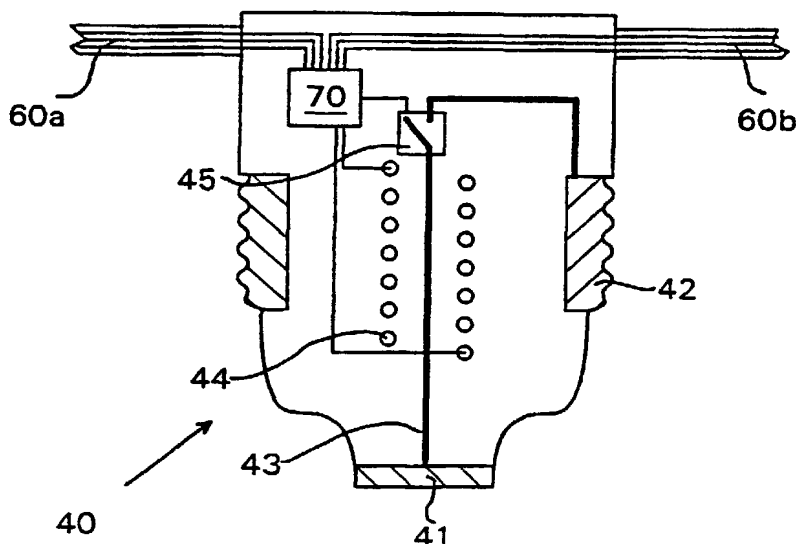
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(57) Abstract: A method of measuring electrical power to consumers (16a-d) in a power distribution network (12) is described. The method comprises sensing an electromagnetic field around at least one electrical conductor (12) in a power meter (30a-d) located at a consumer. The current flowing through the conductor is then derived from said sensed electromagnetic field. Instantaneous current values are stored in an electronic memory powered by said electromagnetic field. These instantaneous values or values derived from the instantaneous values are transmitted as digital information on the network to a receiver (20) provided at a distance from the power meter.

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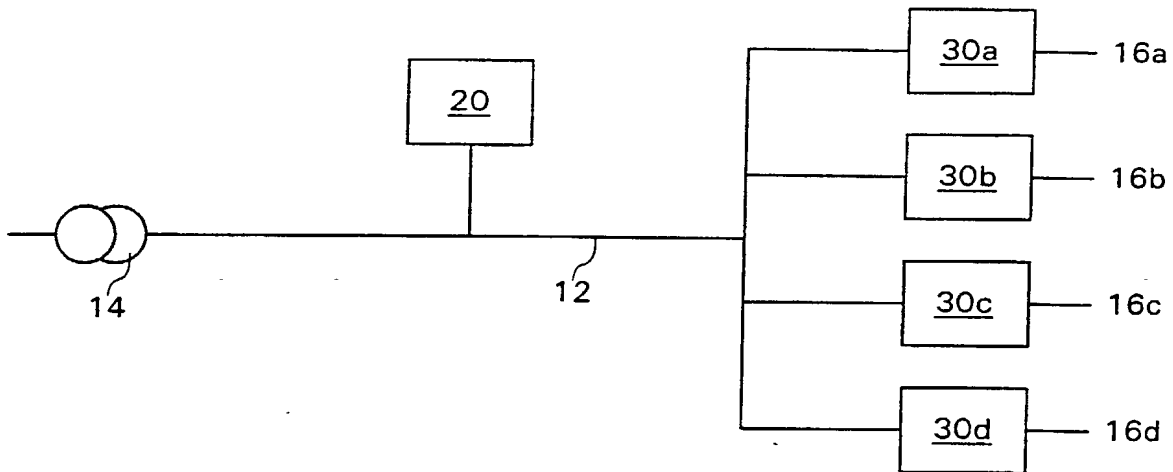
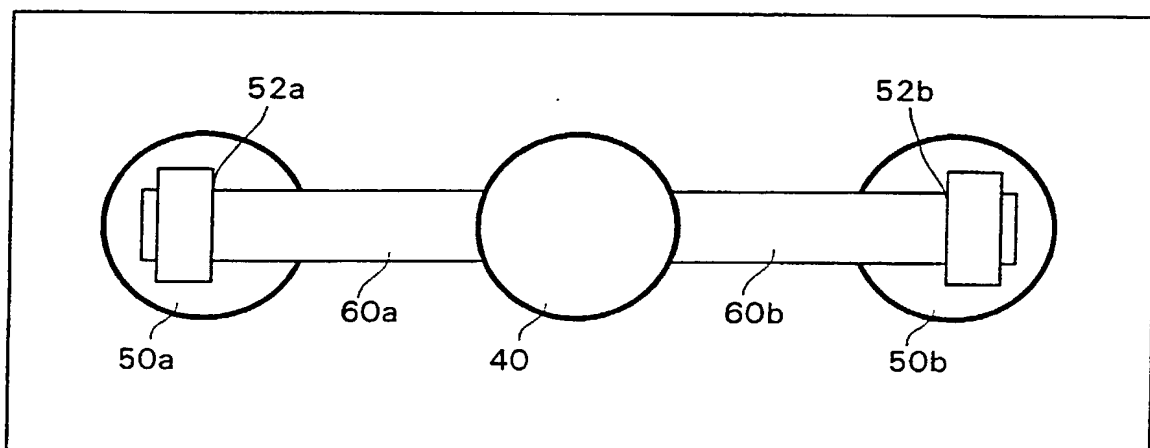


Fig. 1



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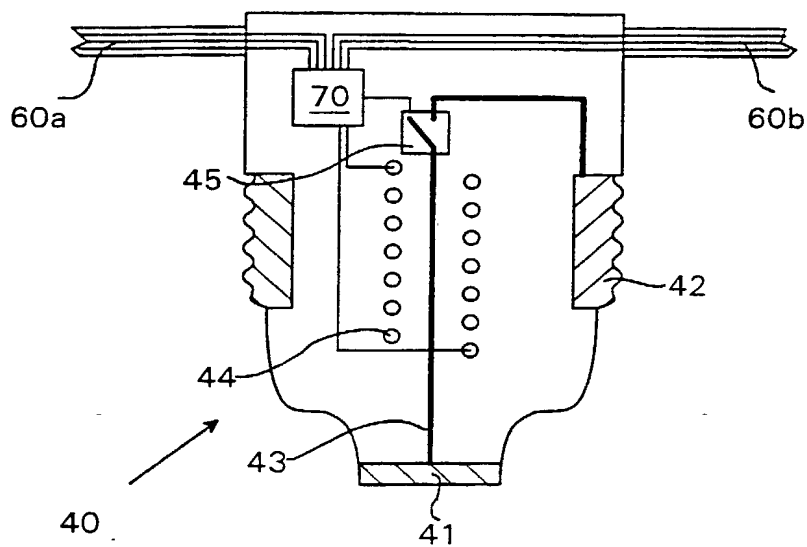


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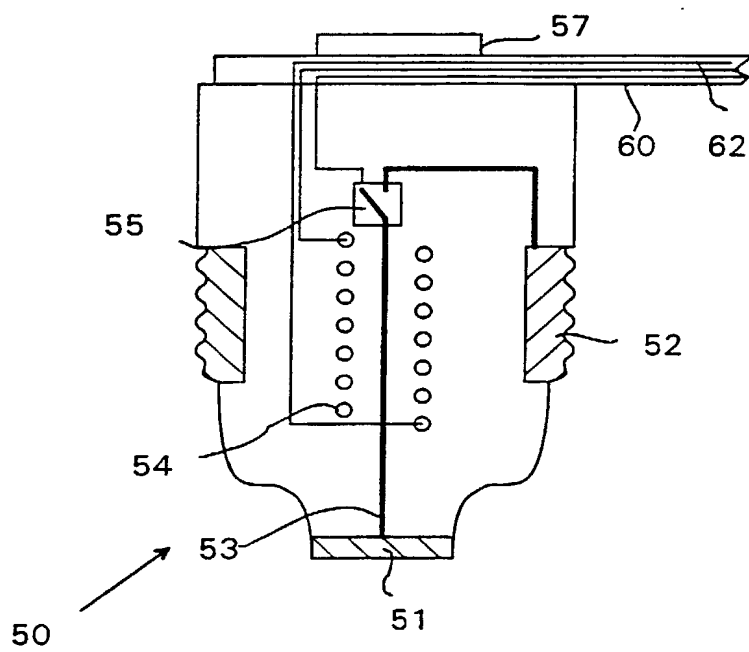


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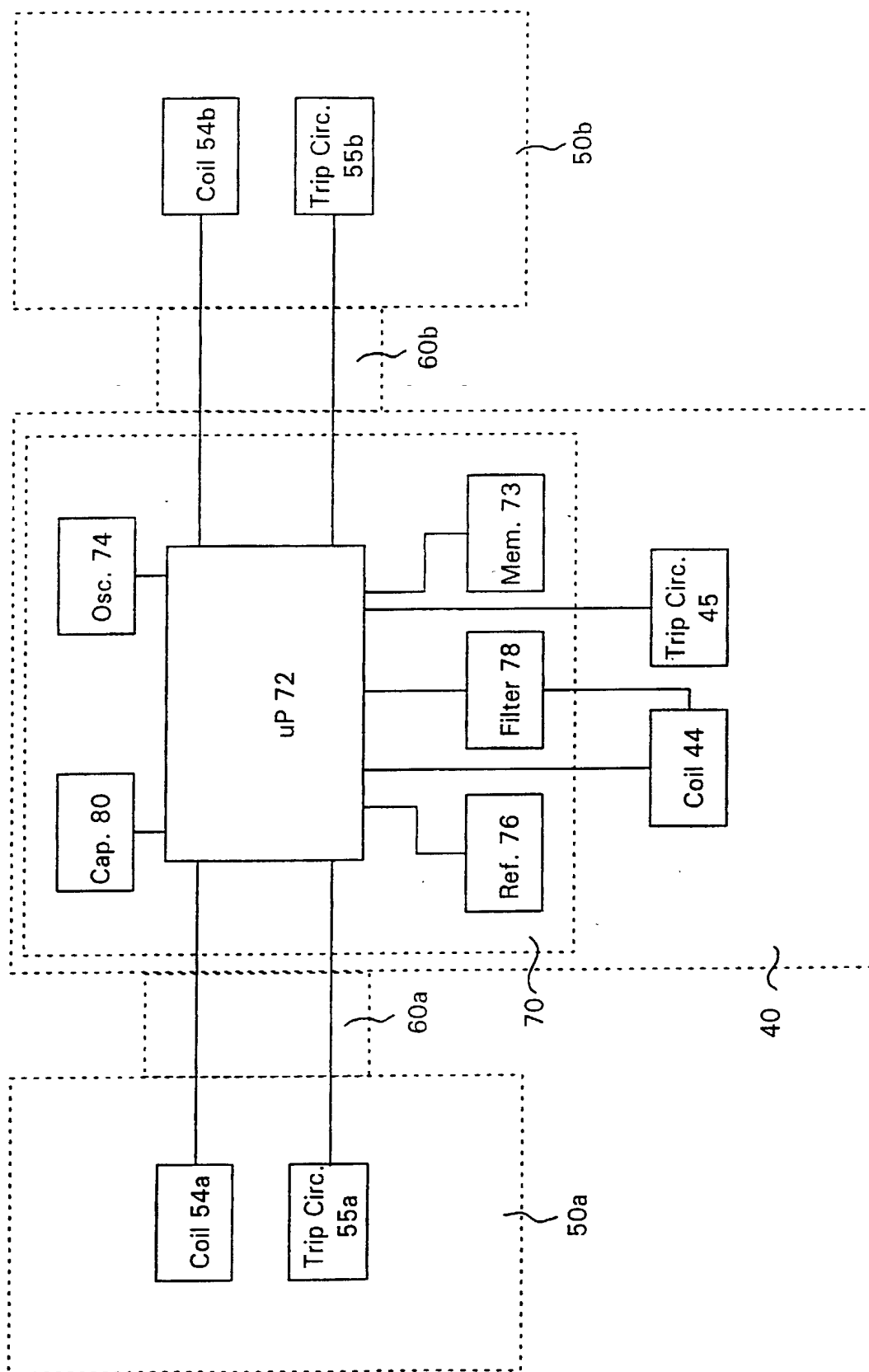


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TITLE OF INVENTION

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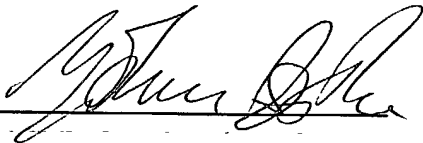
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